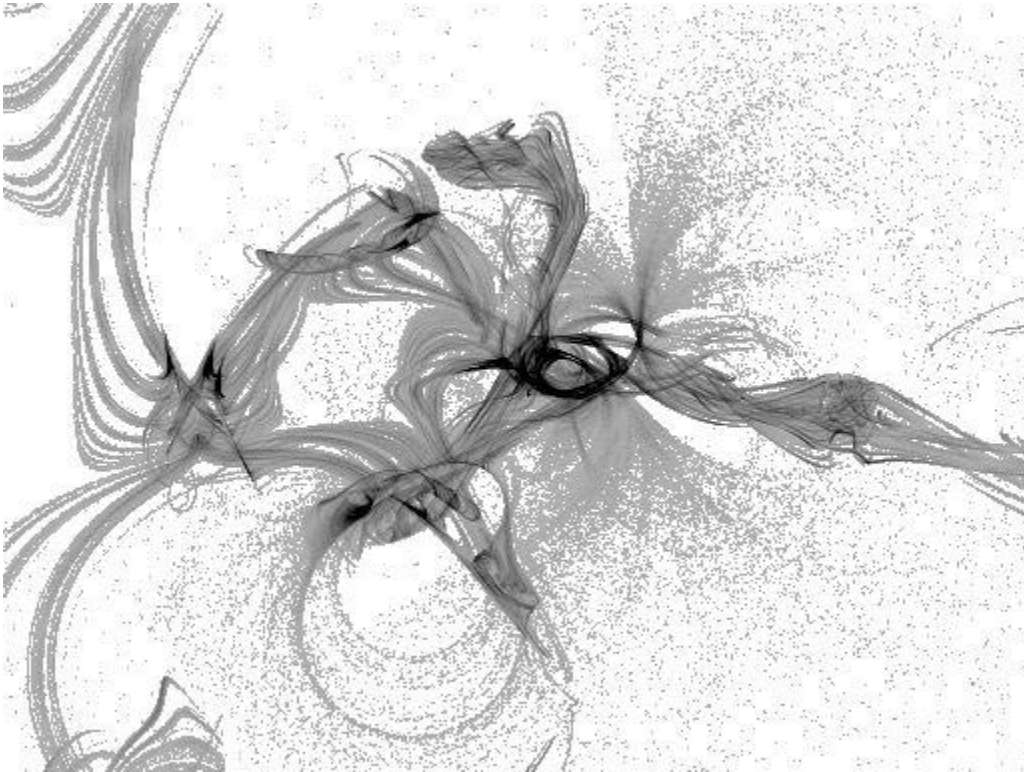


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1.

Tame or tired in the day a motor going also
(Also) one's intentions gradually collide
With one's distinctive sacramental system
Diastole and such some feathery

Fandango of imparted lumina gives
Girth its sidelong hang glide
Spattering the luge is famous for
Despite apparently seam-straight lines

That fail (always) to disappoint to
Disanoint to fill the playing with
A stray field loose of the economy
Some crimson worthiness released

Still wrangling where the weather grows
Misunderstood with hope wedged between
Help proffered and the tailspin
On the park purview grown generous or comatose

2.

Suppose the coast were littered with these
Banjo breasts taut fields
Recovering from plant light taken in
With absolution what is there

To say to any revolutionary except
Let's run down your itinerary
Let's investigate peer-
Level repertoire and let us also

Pummel into shapely heat the varmints
That sweep the highway with
Remains their own toward
Latent fields where is charisma

When you need its part-time
Posture as a spacetet of calendula
To soothe sore shrunken seas
Once blue now mooded green

3.

Square means all in
Place and cut to neck-
Length ears that show clean
Smoothed back sweetly

Why is what is difficult so
Episodic and repeatable
And why does the insoluble
Distinction form thinly

An expressive overcast
Infringement
To be remedied
And to be talked into the livery

Demeaned lost sheep left
Out of thinking and imagination
Wool removed from
Ample safe and missing roads

4.

The upside of the downturn's
Shallow when the tide
Recedes and then
A burgeoning

How far can you run and do you
Always state your case
In leaflets long into
The night when fear

Enthralls some beings
Called upon to minister to
Waylaid course-corrective
Shadows

To the point and trained
To stratify dimensions on
Demand having demeaned
Incorporated status

5.

Sudden feel of light
Slight practice
Steam gives grace to
Packaged inference

And why not thread
With gold the need
Le monde to be caressed
As would be wanted

Asterisks galore in nests
Are raked for eggs amid
The weeds the at-
Mosphere the tundra

Stay here for the feast
Came-ra ready
Open spark of seeming
Sea conforming to the beck and peal

6.

On the whole deliberate
Lemon stems woo
Daunting revelations on deflective
Yeast and summery taste-

Tested applets paced supporting line
Tangled in net-spruced habit
At conditions too far few-ward
Close to housing scratched by

The indifference of altar all the more
Depreciatively frugal form's
Impromptu languishing
In language notably turned

North of disadvantaged
Point men calibrated to divine
From perch the edible commodity
Too little space beneath heroic wingspan

7.

Comfort's elevation comfort's celebration
Froth atop nice tea as tested
In the cranny of the overtone
And free loom left unfurry

Notions cap off laudatory fever
Even-handed tempests leave
The plate to me the mist in season
Seems a prayer to one of us

How much money does she
Will to future tense Parmenides
Askew of annals of a gold-
Stodge who for centuries

Resisted in hypothesized
Eight mm
Distinctly non-archival quality
resisted the belief in worth of motion

8.

What about a comma in the place
Words used to be so mopped up
And distilled with obvious dissent
Leaning toward avenues of strain

Amid the lurking texture of indifference
How many mild agos lurk in the
Pencil thin adroit new manner
Of a quirking to the left of right-wing

Solace where many airborne partials
Regress in face of cavities
And launch a legendary orifice
Along the mean-lined wash

Of seared contrition *molto adagio*
And slowing by degree toward
Mercury in retro- motion
Earnestly observed and sometimes watered

9.

Conformist vantage points all
Slant this way despite
Acumen and peach trees lined
With circumspection, *vámonos*

To better pastures full of faith-
Healist parsed center
Stage a long slide in-
To third with Susan

As a middle name apart from
Mid-calf skirts and words
In Middle English sideways
Headlong quaint and porous

Tenterhooks aimed at
Plantation-style remaindering
In park toward brothel
In a mid-sized town

10.

I want to mood away equestrian free
Falls only very minus cared for few
Derisive calls the lettuce played in
Salvo main lean capstone

Over which poured crossways
To help round out programs on the ground
Veined lore kept sordid

Are the gifts beside an accurate forgiveness
May longing fracas blast a chemlab twice
Or earned strung fever half pronounced
Be vivid quite distinct from quease or quicksand

Stamina delays potentate fact
For favorable tines aligned
With fervor and awake as dust as usual
The background music ratifies

Street licensure how might guilt have been
Milked against
the leaves to cross
The furtive ground

11.

Recent triumphant teak
Hypotenuse as close as melody
Distils barometer to lie back
Against strife pungent

In the many north creased avenues of fill dirt
Maybe flecks of mastery close the sill
Sequel to scar tissue or reminisce
The fracas near

Close shaves of tincture
Severally sweet for weather
To be engaged the meantime
Cared-for creed penciled near form

When/if the soma then the sun
Came close in feeling toward the lead
Time came to something as askance as
Every other obvious condoning
Twelve mornings from here

12.

Retentive stolen clarity leaves chemistry
Five clothing repartees as mild as
Leisure sweet with glory you must
Obfuscate return of serve's shock

Value of a classic / class act narcissist
Redemption twice the spark of
Cavity to render
Permanent the line-drawn

Halting venom left in a perpetual
Loomed win to veil the correspondence
Twice as harmed as numbers'
Quaffed cue and limits of the high

The mollified rapport kept sweet
A triumph then the light came
Forward and amenities fell short
And the commandments trailed the lark

13.

It's climbing all the daytime trees
That floats a corncob pipe
Come fabricate a quest to use to breeze
Across the wayside avidly against

Ambrosia populace as worth is
Flayed to even out contortive
Stance on status canceling the
Modus op cit flanking or out

Flocking penitence for one need
Wood to avert the flies for jollity to
Ply a person's trade with room
To spill and still and stall

Come to a crawl along the
Reasoned way at eighty mph in time
For tacit plaudits to stop
Short and spurt unwanted contents from a vein

14.

Pasts redeem our jagged future
Traced and chipped-appearing,
Half forlorn again, amid the white
Tile in the alleyway

One home becomes sufficient
To reductive minds, the many
Locate ways to have deflected
Hints of something destined

To become successful, as sacrifice
Inherently should be
Fulfilling with a self before it
That begins to have evaporated

At least once according to
Official records as mythology
Will echo to the hearing
Cavity that attracts the way a magnet . . .

15.

Practice room lacks breath
I stabilize myself
In the arpeggios around
The word *perhaps*

Can hold, might hold,
Alignment in the palm
so perfectly careening
Or dropped down unto the parquet

Inference still meddlesome
Though poised,
cooperative, disjunct

Reposed or damaged when and if
The tremors posit haberdash
Co-founded ratcheted immersion

16.

How many of these yellow leaves
Unfold a standup bass the hire-age
Or a rosewood branch perhaps a clarinet
Shellacked as deep as ace

Cremate the lithe sinews as you
Resist them earnestly with pensive a
Conditional repose leaned repertoire
Conforming to the lazy tiers in sweltering

Recession made pregnant by
Disjustice at least fractional
Resisting forgery as little
As a fabricated worth still gemmed

As little flicks deciphering the silver
From a filtered light beside
The saxophone commingling with
Enormous atmosphere fully reversible

17.

Rest is for the hand
This weight so slim its maize agenda
Feathers lines with
Spaces between lines

Breath already calm fills up the room
With peace to count or reach or
Lose whatever focus
Births another way of framing

Facts of having leaves fall
Near considered warm
Verbatim creed at least

The quiet drapes its leisurely
Small measures of light
Misstated

18.

Once rehearsal vents the interstitial
Open-face disjunction playtime vast
Contested offers lamentations gathering
The timbre fated to be loaned and lost

Words like "easy" slumber where we place them
Timid as libelous contenders for
Reuse or violation maximized
Where even-tempered lore lets go

Its grasp on secrecy and vast
Surrender magnified informed and
Hastily subsumed under the litmus
Of the damages unwarranted or

Premises unknown to
Members of the diocese but
Accidentally held openly
Alert at junctures

19.

Faith the same young flower
Has been rinsed of its attractive
Symphony removed from
Tinkering by tribes and such

Outruled investigation grown autumnal
And diminishing with late arrivals in the still
Spot of amenities contrived
As fictional immersion

The lung light of tilled semaphore
Conforms to an intrinsic faltering
Near the dustline and
The opal shimmer of a moot point

Draped in social policy
A leaflet and commencement
Trifled with and swept across
The leafy daylight smoldering near rain

20.

Feasance of the unencumbered
Leafage drums against the fourth
Cast being simmered in a drought
Where chemistry is luminous

To bristle near the skin where band-
Ages deny one breathing room
As cast-of-thousands wit
Condone the multiplicity of even numbers

One after the next within
An institution grandly poised nearby
And spoked as
Open stacks of information treble

With an alloy filled with brittle
Marks the crimped thing virtued
Where a whittled park
Gave each glimmer its delay